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SHOCK (NON-TRAUMATIC)

FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS

- 1. Patient exhibits signs/symptoms of shock.
- 2. Determine mechanism of illness.
- 3. History of GI bleeding, vomiting, diarrhea.
- 4. Consider hypoglycemia or narcotic overdose.

ALS INTERVENTIONS

- 1. Maintain airway with appropriate adjuncts, including advanced airway if indicated. Obtain O2 saturation on room air or on home O2 if possible.
- 2. Place on cardiac monitor.
- 3. Place in trendelenburg if tolerated.
- 4. Obtain vascular access.
- 5. If hypotensive or has signs or symptoms of inadequate tissue perfusion give fluid challenges:
 - a. In the adult give 500ml IV bolus, may repeat once to sustain a B/P>90mmHg or until tissue perfusion improves
 - b. In the pediatric patient give 20ml/kg IV bolus, may repeat once for tachycardia, change in central/peripheral pulses, limb temperature transition, altered level of consciousness.
- 6. For B/P>90mmHg and no respiratory difficulties and adequate signs of tissue perfusion:
 - a. In adults, maintain IV rate at 150ml/hour.
 - b. In pediatric patients, maintain IV at TKO.

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BASE STATION MAY ORDER

- *1. Establish 2nd large bore IV enroute.
- *2. Dopamine infusion at 5-20mcg/kg/min if hypotension persists despite fluid administration.

^{*}May be done during radio communication failure.